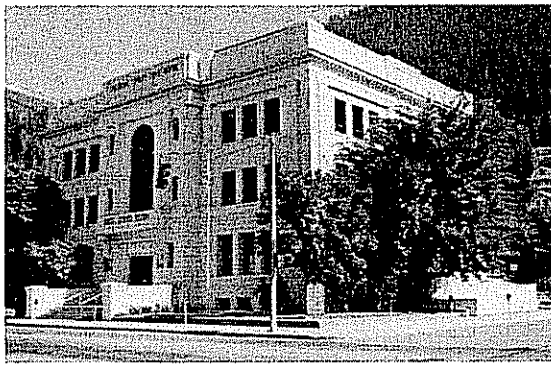


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RESOLUTION 2004-59

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SHOSHONE COUNTY WILDLAND URBAN
INTERFACE (WUI) DESIGNATION MAP AS THE OFFICIAL WILDFIRE
MITIGATION MAP FOR SHOSHONE COUNTY, IDAHO**

WHEREAS, designated areas within Shoshone County (see final map) are to be classified as the Wildland Urban Interface. Within the boundaries it is recommended:

Level 1: "Wildland Urban Interface Zone" (WUIZ)

The most important, where life and property is the primary resource to be protected. This level will include a minimum of ½-mile buffers around towns; inhabited structures and primary escape routes. Municipal watersheds will also be included, whether they are primary or back up sources. Ridge tops will be used when it makes sense to move the buffer up because of topography, potential fire behavior and suppression tactics. Because of this definition, many utilities such as power lines, radio towers and cell towers will be included within the valley corridor.

Recommendations for the "Wildland Urban Interface Zone"

1. Wildfires occurring in the WUI receive the top priority for fire suppression.
2. Access for fire suppression is at a minimum maintained and improved where necessary.
3. Cooperating agencies place priority on fuel reduction projects within this area; the working group on a case-by-case basis would support fuel reduction projects in areas outside the WUI.
4. On any ownership, the working group recommends that these areas be actively managed to reduce the risk of intense fires that are resistant to control. Active management would include commercial harvest, with appropriate post-harvest fuel reduction treatments to minimize slash fire hazards.
5. The Shoshone County Fire Mitigation Program will concentrate its efforts within the WUI.

6. Provide information to the public through current resources to educate on proper construction materials and landscaping guidelines.

Level 2: "Secondary Resource Protection Zone" (SRPZ)

This will include other outlying utility lines (primarily large power lines), radio sites, and escape routes for sparsely populated areas/forest visitors.

Recommendations for management in the "Secondary Resource Protection Zone"

1. The SRPZ should be managed to reduce detrimental effects caused by wildfire, such as electrical power interruptions, communication disruptions, traffic delays, etc.
2. The SRPZ should also be managed to reduce potential fire behavior resulting from ignitions originating from transmission lines in order to allow efficient and effective initial attack of wildfires.
3. Resources such as communication towers (cellular, radio, telephone) should be evaluated to determine their risk to wildfire. Where a significant risk exists, fuel reduction treatments should be completed to mitigate the risk.

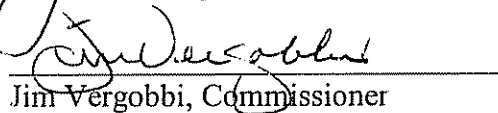
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Shoshone County Board of Commissioners accept the map designations and recommendations as presented for the WUI Fire Mitigation Project.

DATED this 18th day of October 2004.

Sincerely,

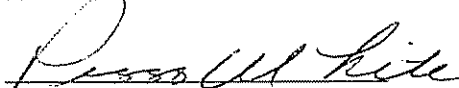
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